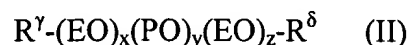


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) A herbicidal composition as claimed in ~~claim 3~~ claim 17 comprising, as component B), one or more surfactants of the general formula (II)



where

EO denotes an ethylene oxide unit,

PO denotes a propylene oxide unit,

x denotes an integer from 1 to 50,

y denotes an integer from 0 to 50

z denotes an integer from 0 to 50,

where the total $(x+y+z) \geq 10$ and ≤ 150 , and

R^{γ} denotes OH, an unsubstituted or substituted C_1 - C_{40} -hydrocarboxy radical, an O-acyl radical or $NR^I R^{II}$ or $[NR^I R^{II} R^{III}]^{\Phi} X^{\theta}$, where R^I , R^{II} and R^{III} are identical or different and denote H or an unsubstituted or substituted C_1 - C_{30} -hydrocarbon radical which can optionally be bound via a group $(EO)_w$, where w is an integer from 1 to 50, X^{θ} is an anion.

R^{δ} denotes H, an unsubstituted or substituted C_1 - C_{40} -hydrocarboxy radical, an acyl radical or $NR^I R^{II}$ or $[NR^I R^{II} R^{III}]^{\Phi} X^{\theta}$, where R^I , R^{II} and R^{III} are identical or different and denote H or an unsubstituted or substituted C_1 - C_{30} -hydrocarbon radical which can optionally be bound via a group $(EO)_w$, where w is an integer from 1 to 50, X^{θ} is an anion.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently amended) A herbicidal composition as claimed in ~~claim 3~~ claim 17, additionally comprising one or more further components selected from the group containing agrochemical active ingredients ~~which are different from the compound of formula (I)~~, additives conventionally used in crop protection, and formulations relating thereto.

9. (Currently amended) A method of controlling harmful plants, wherein the herbicidal composition defined as in ~~claim 3~~ claim 17 is applied to the plants, plant parts, seeds of the plants or the area under cultivation pre-emergence, post-emergence or pre- and post-emergence.

10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 9 for the selective control of harmful plants in plant crops.

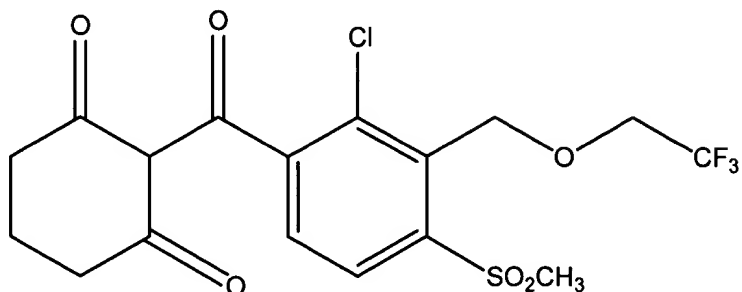
11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously amended) A process for the preparation of the herbicidal composition defined as ~~in any one of claims 3 17 to 8~~, wherein the compound(s) of the formula (I) is/are mixed with one or more surfactants B).

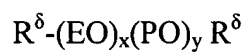
13. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 12, wherein components A) and B) are mixed with water and/or an oil by the tank mix method.

14. (Previously Amended) The herbicidal composition comprising

A) a compound of the formula



and, B) a surfactant to mixture has the formula



wherein

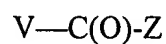
R^{δ} is $C_{12}H_{25}$ and $C_{14}H_{29}-O-$

X is 6

Y is 4

R^{δ} is H.

15. (Withdrawn) The herbicidal composition of claim 3 wherein compound A is a compound of the formula



wherein V is selected from the group consisting of

V3 and V4, and

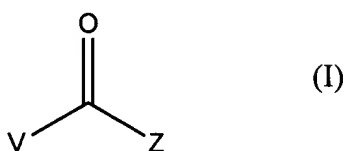
wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of

Z1, Z2, Z4, and Z5.

16. (Cancelled)

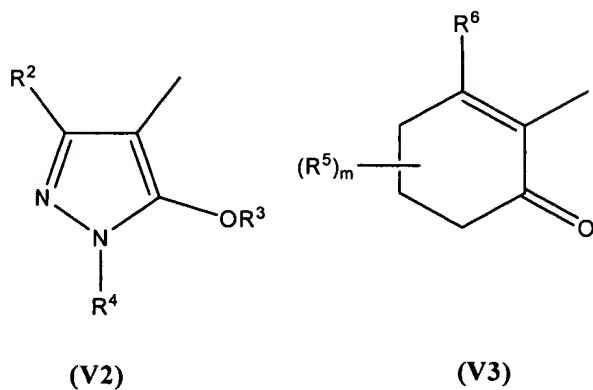
17. (New) A herbicidal composition comprising

A) one or more compounds of the formula (I)



wherein V

is a radical selected from the group (V2) and (V3)



R is hydrogen, methoxycarbonyl or ethoxycarbonyl;

R² is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl;

R³ is hydrogen, methylsulfonyl or ethylsulfonyl;

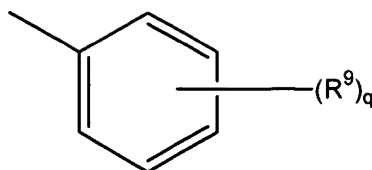
R^4 is methyl, ethyl or n-propyl;

R^5 is methyl;

R^6 is hydroxyl;

m is 0, 1 or 2;

z is the radical (Z1)



(Z1)

R^9 is the case that V is V3, radicals are identical or different and are nitro, chlorine, fluorine, bromine, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, 2-tetrahydrofuranyl-methoxymethyl, (C₁-C₂)alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₂)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or are 4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl which is substituted by a radical selected from the group consisting of cyanomethyl, ethoxymethyl and methoxymethyl;

R^9 in the case that V is V2, radicals are identical or different and are methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, chlorine, bromine, fluorine, trifluoromethyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)haloalkoxy or (C₁-C₄)haloalkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

q is 2 or 3;

and

B) one or more surfactants

of the general formula (II)



where

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